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THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Frankfort, May 7th.

The Democratic State convention met at Frankfort, May 7, to select delegates to the Chicago convention July 8. Colonel Stoddard Johnston, Chairman of the State Central Committee, at 12 o'clock called the convention to order, and introduced Rev. Dr. Penick, who offered a short prayer. Colonel Johnston then proceeded in a brief speech, to state the Democratic situation.

Hon. Chas. S. Offutt, Speaker of the House, and Capt. W. J. Stone, of Lyon, were nominated for temporary chairman. Much confusion ensued and a call of the counties was finally ordered. The vote was cast and resulted as follows: Offutt, 311; Stone, 314.

The chairman elect was escorted to the stand by Maj. Jno. B. Castleman, of Louisville, and Hon. W. H. Ratcliffe, of Harrison. Mr. Offutt read a speech in which he expressed thanks for the high honor and made some suggestions as to what the convention should do. At the conclusion of his speech Thos. P. Carothers, of Newport, was elected secretary without opposition. Then the interest began. W. C. Owens, of Scott offered a resolution providing for the selection of a committee on Permanent Organization, consisting of one from each district and two from the State at large, all to be chosen by a call of counties. Charles R. Long, of Louisville, offered a substitute providing that the two committees at large be appointed by the chair. This produced a warm fight. Mr. Ratcliffe denouncing the substitute as intended to abridge the powers of the convention, and Gen. Castleman supported the substitute firmly. In the midst of great confusion the call of counties began and the vote resulted:

For substitute, 227; against substitute, 413.

Mr. Owens' resolution was then adopted and for the committee men at large the vote was taken with the agreement that the two names receiving the highest number of votes should be declared elected. The vote resulted:

Gen. S. B. Buckner, of Hart 253; Capt. Wm. J. Stone of Lyon, 381.

Gen. Basil Duke, of Louisville, 383.

Hon. John C. Hopkins of Boyd, 91.

Hon. Albert S. Berry of Newport, 123.

While the vote was being fasted up, T. H. Sherry of Louisville, moved that the other committee men should be selected by the Chairman. It was read for information.

Then arose a clamor which kept the Chairman pounding the table, while half a dozen delegates were on their feet shouting and expostulating. The secretary announced the vote as above, and declared Gen. Duke and Capt. Stone elected.

Mr. Sherry managed to get his motion before the house to allow the Chairman to appoint the other members at large on committees, and it was adopted.

The committees were then appointed as follows:

ON PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

State at large: W. J. Stone, of Lyon and Basil Duke, of Louisville.

Districts: (1.) J. J. Corbett, Jr., of Ballard; (2.) Sam M. Gaines, of Christian; (3.) D. C. Walker, of Allen; (4.) James Montgomery, of Hardin; (5.) John B. Caskeyman, of Louisville; (6.) Pruitts Meade, of Carroll; (7.) W. H. Ratcliffe, of Harrison; (8.) J. C. Beckham, of Shelby; (9.) S. C. Basson, of Bath; (10.) A. W. Hamilton, of Montgomery; (11.) W. C. Crozier, of Paducah.

ON CREDENTIALS.

State at large: E. Polk Johnson, of Jefferson (proxy for Jackson); Simon B. Buckner, of Hart. Districts: (1.) Josiah Harris, Jr., of McCracken; (2.) J. H. Prewitt, of Hopkins; (3.) William K. Walker, of Edmonson; (4.) A. W. Moreman, of Meade; (5.) Chas. R. Long, Louisville; (6.) J. T. Simon, of Pendleton; (7.) A. B. Smith, of Henry; (8.) L. D. Baldwin, of Jessamine; (9.) J. D. Keloe, of Mason; (10.) G. M. Adams, of Knox; (11.) J. R. Hindman, of Adair.

ON RESOLUTIONS.

Henry Watterson, of Louisville, (Mr. Watterson was not a delegate but no objection was raised to his participating in the work of the convention.) W. M. Beckner, of Clark. Districts: (1.) Willis B. Machen, of Lyon; (2.) J. A. Munday, of Davies; (3.) H. H. Skiles, of Warren; (4.) Samuel E. Hill, of Ohio; (5.) George M. Davis, of Louisville; (6.) R. W. Nelson, of Campbell; (7.) Hart Gilson, of Fayette; (8.) J. R. Barnum, of Madison; (9.) William Ireland, of Boyd; (10.) R. Haggard, of Clark; (11.) S. H. Boles, of Barren.

The delegates and electors selected by the district meetings were then announced and at 4 o'clock the convention adjourning till 7 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

The committees were not ready to report and while waiting for them a number of gentlemen were called on for speeches and several of them, Mr. Watterson among them, responded. His speech will be published elsewhere in our columns. The report of the committee on credentials was then brought in and adopted without

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being read. The report of the committee on Resolutions was then read by Mr. Watterson, and was as follows:

THE PLATFORM.

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First—We pledge ourselves anew to the constitutional doctrines and traditions of the Democratic party as illustrated by the teachings and example of a long line of Democratic statesmen and patriots, as embodied in the platforms of the National Democratic Convention of 1876 and 1880.

Second—We do especially renew our declarations of hostility to centralization, as that dangerous spirit of encroachment which tends to consolidate the powers of government, and thus to create in whatever form a real despotism, with all its subsidies to corporations and grants with out consideration of the public property; and we again express our conviction of the urgent necessity of the general and thorough reform of the Civil Service.

Third—We do especially deny the right of the Government to surrender its taxing power to corporations or individuals, which is the result of both the theory and practice of the Republican party; and we denounce the present tariff, which burdens the people with excessive war taxes in time of peace, as a masterpiece of injustice, inequality and false pretense. We arraign the Republican party as the creator and defender of a system which has impoverished many industries to subsidize a few; which has prohibited imports that might purchase the products of American labor, and degraded American commerce from the first to an inferior rank on the high seas; which has cut down the sales of American manufactures at home and abroad, and depleted the returns of American agriculture, an industry followed by half of our people. It costs the tax-payers five times more than it yields the Treasury; it promotes fraud, fosters smuggling, corrupts officials, enriches the few by forcing bounties from the many and favors the dishonest and to bankrupt honest merchants. We assert the doctrine of the Constitution, that all taxation shall be exclusively for revenue, and demand that no more revenue shall be collected than is required to meet the expenses and obligations of the Government economically administered.

The platform was adopted with shouts of approval and great confusion existed for several minutes.

Mr. Hallam, of Campbell, offered the following resolution which was adopted without a dissenting voice and great disorder followed:

Resolved, That, believing that a geographical lines should exist in this country as a test of eligibility to any office in the gift of the whole people; but that the standard of honesty, competency, fidelity and constitutional citizenship alone should prevail, Kentucky recommends to the Democracy of the Union for the Presidency him whose elevation to the third office of the nation was the first step to the obliteration of the seam left by the state civil war, who was first to lead his party back to its own national platform of steady approach toward the removal of obstructions to trade—the foremost exponent of all the living Democratic principles of to-day—Hon. John G. Carlisle.

A number of speeches were made and as soon as order could be restored the long delayed report of the committee on permanent organization was brought in. It was read by Gen. Duke, as follows:

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